

**RSU No. 5 Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.
Freeport High School - Library
Meeting Minutes**

(NOTE: These Minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Directors. Such action, either to approve or amend and approve, is anticipated at the April 8, 2026 meeting).

1. CALLED TO ORDER:

Chair Michelle Ritcheson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Breer, Colin Cheney, Anna Child, Malik Farlow (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Kara Kaikini, Lois Kilby-Chesley, Michelle Ritcheson, Christopher Savaiano, Kelly Sink, Valerie Williams, Stephanie Worth. Moon Tussing, Student Representative (left at 8:231 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

None

5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

6. GOOD NEWS AND RECOGNITION:

A. Report from Board's Student Representative

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Erin Abbott, Yarmouth; Cathy Richard, Brunswick; Jill Hyland, Brunswick; Thomas Arena, Pownal; Lynn Shea, Freeport; Mike Shaw, Freeport; John Jaques, Freeport; Niko Jaques, Freeport; Shana Jaques, Freeport; Zach Labbay, Durham; Maura Pillsbury, Freeport;

8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

A. Review of FY27 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

9. PUBLIC INPUT:

A. Public Input on the FY27 Budget

Suzanne Williams Lundgren, Freeport; Nate Ellis, Freeport; Mike Shaw, Freeport; John Jaques, Freeport; Michael Metzker, Pownal; Maura Pillsbury, Freeport

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

None

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

12. POLICY REVIEW:

None

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. FY27 Budget:

1. Board Deliberations on FY27 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

14. NEW BUSINESS:

None

15. PERSONNEL:

None

16. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session as outlined in 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) for the purpose of discussing Administrator negotiations. (Williams – Worth) (11 – 0)

Time In: 9:46 p.m.

Time Out: 10:27 p.m.

18. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

VOTED: To authorize the execution of contracts for the following administrators, as discussed in Executive Session. (Cheney – Kaikini) (11 – 0)

Julie Nickerson
Holly Johnson
Jen Gulko
Kelly Wentworth
Elisha Morris

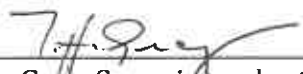
Amanda Marsden
Pam Crosby
Charlie Mellon
Eric Hall
Bill Ridge

Emily Grimm
Scott Emery
Erica Reilly
Sam Rigby

Peter Wagner
Glen Reynolds

19. ADJOURNMENT:

VOTED: To adjourn at 10:27 p.m. (Sink – Breer) (10 – 0 - 1 Abstention Cheney)



Tom Gray, Superintendent of Schools